

Northern Canal: Pawtucket Gatehouse  
Lowell, Massachusetts  
Middlesex County

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DATE: 1847

LOCATION: At the junction of the Northern Canal and the  
Merrimack River,  
Lowell, Massachusetts

DESIGNED BY: Unknown

OWNER: Proprietors of Locks and Canals,  
Lowell, Massachusetts

SIGNIFICANCE: The Pawtucket Gatehouse controls a complex of ten  
sluice gates and a navigation lock. Most of the  
original equipment, including the Francis Turbine, is  
preserved in the Gatehouse. Researchers are referred  
to MA-1, Lowell Canal System, for further information.

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